



David Huff, left, Layfayette Hill, exhibited the Grand Champion Steer at the Montgomery County 4-H Beef Show held recently at the 4-H Fair in Lansdale. David was also named Champion Showman and Fitter. The Reserve Grand Champion animal went to Jim Roth of Collegeville, right. Jim serves as President of the 4-H Livestock Club and was also Reserve Champion Showman.



Dairy Goat Show winners were announced at the annual 4-H Fair held recently in Lansdale. Pictured from left to right are Barbara Warner of Palm who was named Champion Showman and Reserve Champion Fitter; Margaret Schoenly of Barto, named Champion Fitter; and Dana Trumbower of Hatboro who was selected as Reserve Champion Showman. Barbara and Margaret are members of the Milky Ways 4-H Dairy Goat Club while Dana represents the Silver Pails 4-H Dairy Goat Club.

Dairy calf sale to benefit Berks 4-H Center

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LEESPORT — In an effort to begin a fund drive for the Berks County 4-H Center Project, the Berks County 4-H Fund Raising Committee has scheduled an all breed dairy calf sale for November 22, at the Reading Fairgrounds Mall, Muhlenburg Township.

Dairy farmers of the county are presently donating heifer calves, grade and purebred, representing some of the top sires of the country for this sale. The committee expects to have about 100 calves for sale, all being born between May and October of this year.

The funds raised from this event and the many others to follow will be put towards the costs of the project, estimated to be \$550,000. This estimate takes into account the current inflation rate projected to late 1981, at which time the 4-H development council hopes to begin construction of the complex.

This dairy calf sale is the beginning of a capital campaign to be conducted by the Berks County 4-H Development Council in accordance with a timetable set by the Berks County Capital Campaign Review Board, which has already approved the campaign. The goal of \$550,000 was concluded to be attainable and reasonable in a recent feasibility study.

Included in the project is a community building which will encompass a 10,000-foot open area with seating for 1,200 people. This area will be used for large meetings, shows, and recreation activities. It will also include tables attached to the walls; a portable stage, and basketball and volleyball equipment. A food preparation area, small meeting room, locker room, and bathroom, are also planned for this building. Estimated cost of construction for this structure is \$300,000.

Another large feature planned for the 4-H Center is

a livestock building, especially used for animal shows. It will consist of approximately 14,400 square feet that will contain a center show ring with bleachers. On each side of the ring will be housing areas for all types of livestock with portable stalls and fencing. The portable fencing will allow the building to be used as an open pavilion also. A loading area and washing racks will also be included with this building. Estimated cost of the animal building is projected at \$200,000.

Uses for these buildings will include the 4-H Fair, 4-H Round-up activities, such as sales; 4-H countywide activities such as public speaking and demonstrations, poster and photography contests, the 4-H Fashion Revue, County Council Meetings and recreational activities. Local 4-H meetings and special events such as livestock judging contests will also be held here.

These facilities will also be available to other groups for flower, boat, art and farm machinery shows and various other activities. Annual maintenance, heating, and improvement costs will be paid by monies raised through rentals of the facilities.

Other costs of the complex include \$10,000 for an access

road, parking, and utilities; and \$40,000 for contingency and finances.

Presently the 4-H center has two horse rings built in 1977 by 4-H members and leaders with the important help of local government officials, business, and CETA personnel. In 1979 a two-story secretary-announcer stand was constructed for use at Center events. The 10.2 acre site adjacent to the Berks County Agricultural Center which comprises the 4-H grounds is leased under a 99 year contract from the County of Berks for \$1.00 per year. The site included a pond, wildlife area and woodlot.

These facilities will offer exhibition buildings in a centrally located area of the county not available at present. Suitable buildings are expected to increase participation by young people and their families, and provide broader opportunities for programming.

Presently the 4-H programs of Berks County involve about 3,000 youths, 300 adult leaders, and approximately 130 teen-age leaders who help guide club and project activities.

Enrollment increased by 85 percent between 1978 and 1979 and is continually growing at astonishing rates. Goals of reaching 5,000 club members by 1985 seem easily attainable.

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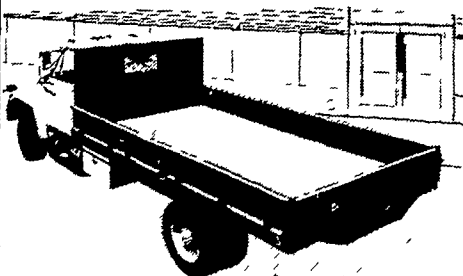
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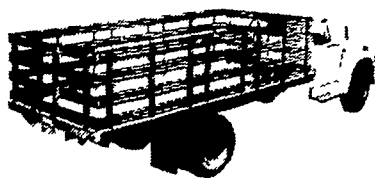


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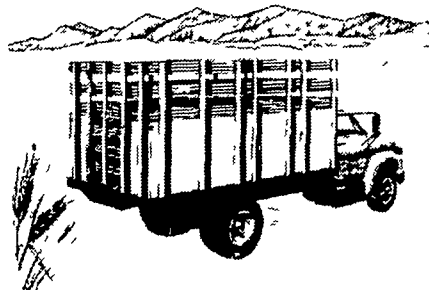
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